



The Ingham County Health Department will be dropping battery recycling from their Household Hazardous Waste Program. Collection sites for household battery recycling will no longer accept these types of batteries as of August 20, 2009.

Alkaline batteries are no longer considered a Household Hazardous Waste thanks in part to legislation passed in 1996 that phased out Mercury in them. Alkaline batteries may now be disposed with regular household trash.

Although alkaline batteries can be disposed of with trash, we encourage you to purchase and use rechargeable batteries. Recent studies show rechargeable batteries have up to 32 times less impact on the environment. They create less water and air pollution, consume fewer natural resources, generate less climate change pollutants and reduce waste when compared to alkaline batteries.

To help promote their use and recycling, there are a number of locations established that recycle rechargeable batteries. Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Lithium Ion (Li-ion) and Small (less than 2 lbs.) Sealed Lead (Pb) batteries will be recycled at the drop off sites listed on the attached flyer.

Major manufacturers of rechargeable batteries such as Energizer and Duracell offer coupons on their web sites for money off batteries and chargers. Make the switch to rechargeables, they will save you money and keep our community green.